



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Watford City

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First Lutheran Church May Worship, Sunday School & Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, May 7th

9:30 AM –Worship
9:45 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM-Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 14th

9:30 AM –Worship
9:45 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM-Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 21st

9:30 AM –Worship
10:30 AM- Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 28th

9:30 AM –Worship
10:30 AM-Coffee Hour

THE CLARION

May 2023

Unable to make it to Sunday morning worship? No worries... Join us on



Worship will be broadcasted every Sunday at 9:30 am on our Facebook page at **First Lutheran Church**. Watch it live or anytime thereafter

We had ordered Easter plants to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. These plants were then offered for donation. Below is a list of the plants donated and by who.

- 2 by Jan Riely
- 1 by Val Swensrud & family in memory of Dale, Garret & baby Eli Garret Swensrud
- 1 by Marcia Hellandsaas in memory of Rosella Anderson
- 2 by Doug Bolken in memory of Carl & Bette Bolken
- 2 by Cindy Geiger in honor of her children & grandchildren
- 2 by Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg family in memory of Betty Boehm, John, Irene, & David Wurgler, Jessica & Samantha Wurgler
- 1 by Steve & Gretchen Stenehjerm in memory of Lee & Judy Stenehjerm, Bill Bottke
- 2 by Jarvis & Kadie Sorenson family in memory of Jordan Paul Hanson, Coy Lane Hepper
- 1 by David & Celeste Berg in honor of their grandchildren Katelyn, Charlie, Abigail & Teddy
- 1 by Glenn & Ann Beard in honor of Matthew Rolfson, Theresa Whiteley (LYO & Youth for Christ leaders) for a Job well done
- 1 by Lynne Ebner in memory of Vi & Vince Stenehjerm
- 1 by JessAnne & Mark Knutson in honor of their grandchildren Shadai & Shia Bintliff, Kanyon, Birch, Griffin, Hudson & Sebastian Tschetter, Maddox & Marvin Knutson. In memory of Marvin & Julia Knutson, Jake & Jean Jacobson
- 1 by Donna & Sydney Slais in memory of Randy Slais
- 3 by Caroline Schwartz in honor of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In memory of Wayne, Spencer & Eleanor Schwartz, Thorvald & Lucille Larson
- 2 by Alveshere & Haugen families in honor or Marvin & Diane Alveshere. In memory of Arnold & June Peterson, Martin & Tillie Peterson, Ole & Julia Mathistad, Melvin & Ella Alveshere, Emil & Emma Tabbert, Larry Austin & Darlene Hurt
- 2 by no name





HUGE shout out and THANK YOU to the anonymous donor of \$500 for the FLC Quilters! That will buy a lot of material and batting.



On May 7th we celebrate the confirmation of Alyssa Holen

On May 21st we celebrate the 5 graduates of 2023 and they will receive their quilts. The Sunday School will also receive their awards.

On May 28th we ask that you wear red to worship



Dignity

Dignity is the ability to stand strong and tall
in the face of adversity while being able
to bow to the elderly and crawl with the children
Dignity is taking a stand for your beliefs
without closing your mind to another's opinion
Dignity is being an example by your deeds
and through your words avoiding gossip, anger, and lies
Dignity will manifest itself in the warmth of your smile
the depth of your love and kindness for your fellowman.

This month's recipe brought to you by Pastor Paul

Lamb Stew

Leg of lamb (approx. 3-4 lbs)
Olive or vegetable oil (approx. 2 TBSP or more as needed)
Flour (approx. ½ cup)
2 lg chopped onion
2-3 14oz beef or chicken broth
3-4 cloves of garlic minced (I also use onion & garlic powder as I'm browning the meat
Salt & Pepper to taste
2 tsp parsley
1 TBSP dried rosemary (optional)
5-6 medium potatoes peeled and quartered
2lbs baby carrots cut in half
1 c red wine
1-2 cups water as needed

Remove fat, cut lamb off bone, and cut into bite size cubes. Roll in flour, sprinkle with onion and garlic powder and brown in olive oil. Add beef broth, red wine, potatoes, carrots, garlic and rosemary (if using), salt, pepper & parsley flakes. Add water or additional broth if it is to thick. Cover and let simmer on stovetop about an hour stirring occasionally. Great served with hearty biscuits or breadsticks. This also works well in a slow cooker. After browning meat, simply put all ingredients in a crock pot on high for approx. 2 hours then to medium for 6 hours. This is one of those recipes you really can't mess up. All measurements are approx. and can be adjusted by adding more or less according to taste or need. This is really great refrigerated and reheated.



On April 12th Pastor Paul and Matthew Rolfson held a first communion class. We had 4 children attend. Adrock and Poppy Schwartz, Eleanor Beard and Nora Rolfson. Ann Beard helped the kids learn how to make the unleavened bread for communion. All had a good time with this.



On April 14th Matthew put together a team of 12 to help with Feed My Starving Children. There were 100 other people there as well. Collectively they put together enough boxes to feed 96 people for a year!





We are looking for volunteers to help clean the ditches. If you are willing to volunteer please let Matthew Rolfson or Cindy Geiger know. Thank you.



On May 14th the FLC Quilters will be displaying some of the quilts that they have made this year. The next day some will be packed and sent to Lutheran World Relief, some will remain here to be given to the various local needs. They would like to thank those who have supported them with dropped off fabrics and donations. FLC Quilters are thankful for all the support for this important mission of the church. Thank you from the FLC



The 2nd Annual Ladies Tea will be held on April 30 after publication of the Clarion. Details to follow in next month's issue.



The Spring Luncheon is back! It was held on April 27 after publication. Details to follow in next month's issue.



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 16, 2023 Draft

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer at 11:00 AM. Council members present were Jennifer, Cindy, Joy, Marcia, Kevin, Lynn, Gretchen and Robin. Others present were Pastor Paul, Matthew and Katie Tschetter.

A devotion was given by Cindy on the anticipation of spring. It was about staying positive even on dreary difficult days. Spring is like new life and to make it a priority to become deeply acquainted with God. Be an ambassador, share good news and do good deeds. Cast the seeds that are able to come to life even in the darkest of times.

Approval of Agenda. Gretchen added and update on the sale of the parsonage and Brad and Bishop Craig's visit to western ND. With these additions, Joy motioned to approve, Robin 2nd, motion carried.

Approval of March 19th minutes. Gretchen motioned to approve, Kevin 2nd, motion carried.

Staff Reports. Pastor reported 2 funerals, 3 youth for First Communion. Matthew has been actively communicating with student and parents on Sunday School activities, Senior Recognition, Confirmation. Feed My Starving Children was well attended by 12 volunteers. Sunday School supplies have been ordered.

Jennifer asked Katie Tschetter to join our meeting to present her vision of creating a 'Care Team' This group's purpose is to help be the eyes and ears for the pastor for members of our congregation and community who could use a visit, help with prayer chain and organize care kits (such as food/ dry goods basket)for emergencies, tragedies etc. She will visit with members of the congregation for ideas and anyone interested in this great project is encouraged to participate. Katie has volunteered to continue organizing and will head this committee. It will be published on Facebook and the Clarion. She will follow up with Stewardship and Evangelism committee.

Katie also gave an update of the sale of the old parsonage. At this time, the market in Watford City is slow but anticipates it to pick up. Katie will be holding another open house at the Parsonage some time in May. The abstract for the parsonage is currently at the Title Office. The abstract for the church and CE building are in the church office. At this time Katie left the meeting.

WELCA: WELCA is having a Spring Luncheon on April 27th, Thursday at the Fellowship Hall of First Lutheran. A revised Fee Schedule for use of the building was reviewed. Cindy motioned to approve the revised fee schedule, Joy 2nd, motion carried. Someone will meet with the Funeral Home to clarify use of the facilities and fees. The policy of use is still pending and will be revised soon.

Finance: Gretchen gave her finance report, noting particular changes from 2022 to this year. An additional expense was a new computer and software that was necessary for the church office. Gretchen will meet with Renee, Denise, Tarri, and Pastor to get some hiccups ironed out that are showing up on the reports. The benefit concern has been ironed out. The Trust Committee will be meeting on April 24th at 5:00 and Gretchen will attend to address some new financial expenses that may be eligible for the Trust to contribute towards.

Because Ardyce has put in many years as our employee, we would like to have an appreciation lunch in her and Lloyd's honor. Tarri will reach out to them for a tentative date. Joy motioned to approve the financial report, Lynn 2nd, motion carried.

Property: Mics for the fellowship hall and sanctuary was discussed. The committee has requested a detailed plan from Tricorn so we know how they will be placed. Meuchel Computer proposed a Microsoft Office 365 plan for the church which will cost \$1500 for set up and licenses for 5 computers. This is a professional version which is needed to run our equipment.

Pastor and Matthew have been using their personal computers for their work. Gretchen will address this at the Trust Committee meeting to see if this would qualify for their funds. The cost will be approximately \$2500 for both.

Worship: Lent services and Easter was well attended. Current membership is getting revised. They are working on organizing the prayer chain and making it more active and creative.

Stewardship and Evangelism: Cindy gave a verbal update since a meeting was not held in April. Easter bags were passed out after the children's sermon containing appropriate candy and bracelets. Lynn held an Easter Egg hunt in the basement after service with eggs filled with candy and riddles. The children were so excited. We had 11 attend Feed my Starving Children. T shirts were made of a bright blue with our name and logo. Lynn and Cindy will work on making May Day baskets. Clean up the Bakken is just getting organized so no date has been set. The next meeting will be May 3rd at Teddy's at 5:00 PM.

Youth and Education: Senior Recognition and Confirmation is being planned. Sunday School supplies have been ordered. Robin felt the time change for the Sunday School isn't really working. After discussion, Matthew will reach out to the parents on their thoughts. One idea was to release the youth after 15 minutes into the service. Any other ideas are welcome.

June 20-21st is Vacation Bible School at Banks. 5:00 to 8:30 PM each day.

Call Committee: The Call Committee is having a mock interview April 27th at 5:00.

Old Business: UMM delegates is still unknown. Ardyce was absent and will report next month.

New Business: The lock box at First International Bank was opened and contents reviewed. Important papers will be returned to lock box. Documents no longer needed will be scanned

and shredded. Cindy motioned the documents scanned and shredded, Gretchen 2nd, motion carried.

Discussion was held on having the Bishop visit or if we should go to Bismarck. Pastor explained that the Bishop cannot just drop in, but must have an invitation. The council asked that President Jennifer schedule a meeting with Bishop Craig as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 PM.

Cindy motioned to adjourn, Gretchen 2nd, motion carried.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Geiger, Secretary

MAY 2023 BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES



1	2 Steve Holen Nolan Dahl	3 Philip Riely McKayla Haugeberg Weston Polivka	4 Aggie Kummer Ed Schilke Beryl Thorson	5 Daina Swenson Jager Shattuck	6 Kelly Peterson	7 Sharon Brown Scott Wisness Anthony Goethe
8 Diane DeFoe	9 Kinley Wirtz Pryce Proffit	10 Brett Endrud Kira Wold	11 Samatha Kitzmann	12 Jordan Kleppen Gretchen Stenehjelm Tim Taylor	13	14 Dakota Wollan <i>Jim & Jody Renberger</i>
15 Owen Hamre Bev Olson Cooper Johnson Amanda Shattuck <i>Cameron & Jan Dodge</i>	16 Mike Endrud Bob Wisness Colter Maki Tricia Sundeen	17 Troy Leiseth	18	19 Mikka Nordby Griffin Tschetter	20 Kevin Sullivan Debbie Larsen Neil Dahl Nathan Hill?	21 Ed Olson Jarvis Sorenson Darin Curren <i>Jason & Peggy Leiseth Dave & Donna Lou Sanford</i>
22	23 John Johnston Jessica Wisness Bambi Shelley	24 Trevor Cannovo	25 Harper Lass	26 Elyce Linseth Jason Shipman <i>Chester & Shirley Lee</i>	27	28 <i>Troy & Karen Leiseth</i>
29 Shane Jorgenson Dustin Quale	30 Lois Brew Alyssa Holen Matthew Wisness	31 Kally Sorenson Nathan Dahl <i>Michael & Cami Lamm</i>				

Celebration Calendar

Please help me out.... If you see your birthday or anniversary missing from this calendar..... Please call the church office!

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FLC Watford City Area

May 2023 Activity Calendar

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FLWCND

Rev. Paul D. Balaban, Interim Pastor

Matthew Rolfson, Family Ministries Coordinator

Tarri Wenstad & Ardyce Alveshere, Secretaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8 AM-4 PM Classical Conversations 1:00 PM FLC Quilters	2 10:00 AM- Worship mtg 11:00 AM- Youth & Ed mtg 4-7 PM Food Pantry	3 10:00 AM WELCA 5:00 PM Stewardship & Evan mtg @ Teddy's	4 6:30 PM NA Mtg	5 11:30 AM Property mtg.	6
7 <u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:00 PM NA meeting	8 8 AM-4 PM Classical Conversations 1:00 PM FLC Quilters 5:00 PM Hope Circle	9 8:00 PM NA meeting	10 9:30 AM Archive meeting 10:00 AM FLC-WELCA mtg. 1:30 PM Peace Circle	11 4:00 PM Youth for Christ 6:30 PM NA meeting	12	13
14 <u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School (last day) 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:00 PM NA meeting MOTHERS DAY	15 8 AM-4 PM Classical Conversations 1:00 PM FLC Quilters 4:00 PM Youth for Christ	16 2-4 PM Food Pantry 8:00 PM NA meeting	17 2:00 PM Communion @ Horizon	18 4:00 PM Youth for Christ 6:30 PM NA meeting	19	20
21 <u>7th Sunday of Easter</u> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM FLC Council Mtg 8:00 PM NA meeting	22 8 AM-4 PM Classical Conversations 1:00 PM FLC Quilters	23 8:00 PM NA meeting	24	25 4:00 PM Youth for Christ 6:30 PM NA meeting	26 6:00 PM LYO	27
28 <u>The day of Pentecost</u> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 8:00 PM NA meeting Wear Red to Worship	29 8 AM-4 PM Classical Conversations 1:00 PM FLC Quilters	30 5-7 PM Food Pantry 8:00 PM NA meeting	31	<div> First Lutheran Church broadcasts their Sunday morning worship on their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/FLWCND or First Lutheran Church </div>		